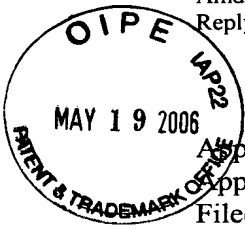


Appl. No. 10/766,162
Amdt. Dated May 17, 2006
Reply to Office action of November 17, 2006



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/766,162
Applicant : Andi Vonlanthen
Filed : January 28, 2004
Title : BEHIND-THE-EAR HEARING AID AND SURFACE-MOUNTED
MODULE FOR THIS TYPE OF HEARING AID

Conf. No. : 3393
TC/A.U. : 2646
Examiner : Huyen D. Le

Customer No. : 000,116
Docket No. : 31856US3

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT "C" FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 17, 2005 (Paper No. 11112005). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on February 17, 2006. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response be extended for 3 months, up to and including May 17, 2006. The \$1020 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

05/22/2006 SHASSEN1 00000072 10766162

02 FC:1253

1020.00 OP